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SUBJECT: ENERGY: ECONAD REPORT ON WORLD OIL CRISIS AND THE ALLIANCE

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REF: A) USNATO 412; B) STATE 20019

1. MISSION REQUESTS FURTHER GUIDANCE ON TWO POINTS IN REFTEL B WHICH TRANSMITTED US COMMENTS ON SUBJECT REPORT (AC/127-WP /373 REVISED).

2. FIRST, STATE'S REFTEL B SAID CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL FOR COVER NOTE REVIEWING THE VARIOUS ENERGY INITIATIVES WAS GOOD BUT PREFERRED TO SEE A DRAFT BEFORE APPROVING IT. HOWEVER, PURPOSE OF THIS PROPOSAL WAS TO PUT THIS REVIEW IN COVER NOTE CLEARLY ON CHAIRMAN'S RESPONSIBILITY, THUS AVOIDING NEED FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL ON A POINT WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY BE TIME CONSUMING. CHAIRMAN HAS OFFERED TO WORK WITH US IN DRAFTING RE U.S. INITIATIVE, AND WE WOULD TAKE LANGUAGE FROM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (STATE 004158) OR ANYTHING ELSE DEPART-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENT MAY PROVIDE. HOWEVER, APPROVAL OF ENTIRE COVER NOTE BY U.S. (AND PRESUMABLY OTHER COUNTRIES) WILL CONSIDERABLY DELAY TRANSMISSION OF REPORT TO COUNCIL. MISSION PREFERS COVER NOTE UNDER CHAIRMAN'S RESPONSIBILITY, SINCE THIS WOULD

ENABLE US TO APPROVE THE REPORT IMMEDIATELY, WITH THE CHANGES
IN REFTTEL B, AND MAINTAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF COUNCIL DISCUSSION
PRIORR TO FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY CONFERENCE.

3. SECOND, REFTTEL B ASKS CLARIFICATION ON PARA 8 IN ECONAD
EPORT, SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS, RE RECONVERSION OF A NUMBER
OF ECONOMIC SECTORS. THIS PARA SUMMARIZED PARAS 47-49 IN
MAIN BODY OF TEXT WHICH SIMPLY POINTS OUT RECONVERSION
PROBLEM FACED BY INDUSTRIAL SECTORS MOST AFFECTED BY OIL CRISIS,
BUT DOES NOT SPECULATE ON WHAT THESE SECTORS WOULD RECONVERT
TO. IF DEPARTMENT WISHED WE SHALL ASK ADDITIONAL ECONAD WORK
IN THIS AREA, BUT WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL TO THE PRESENT
REPORT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON ABOVE WITH VIEW TO
SECURING EARLY NAC DISCUSSION THIS REPORT PRIOR TO FEBRUARY
11 ENERGY CONFERENCE WASHINGTON.
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